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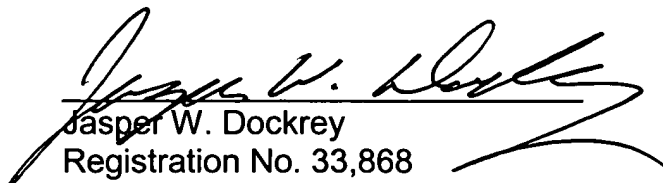
Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants cite the references A1-A47 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Also submitted are copies of Examiner-initialled forms PTO 1449 and PTO-892 from the prior pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/993,934, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d) copies of these references are not provided since they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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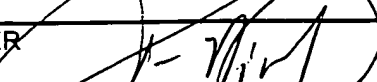
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